REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 21 and 23 and have added new claim 29. Applicants believe that these amendments are consistent with the Response to the Restriction Requirement previously filed.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

<u>he Claims</u>:

Claims 21 and 23 have been amended as follows:

21. (Amended Once) An apparatus for cleaning an irradiated nuclear fuel assembly, comprising:

a housing configured to receive an irradiated nuclear fuel assembly [and having an outside surface,]; and

a plurality of ultrasonic transducers that each produce omnidirectional ultrasonic energy waves and positioned on [said outside surface of] said housing.

23. (Amended Once) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said housing comprises an elongated housing having a bottom end and further [comprises] comprising a base plate attached to said bottom end of said elongated housing to [secure] support said elongated housing [to a floor of a fuel pool].

New claim 29 has been added as follows:

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said housing is configured to receive an irradiated boiling water reactor nuclear fuel assembly.

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